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CHARACTERIZATION OF RACEMASES,)
DEFINITION OF PROTEIN SIGNATURES,)
AND A TEST FOR DETECTING D-AMINO)
ACID AND FOR SCREENING)
MOLECULES CAPABLE OF INHIBITING)
THE ACTIVITY OF RACEMASE,)
ESPECIALLY PROLINE RACEMASE)

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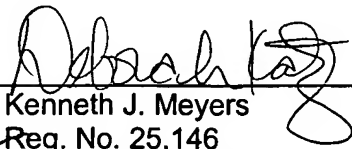
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